

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, On September 20, 1906, the town site of Philip, South Dakota, was originally platted by the Chicago & North Western Railroad Company along the banks of the Bad River on virgin prairie where land-hungry people were seeking new homes, businessmen were searching for new opportunities, young professional men were making a start in life, stockmen were seeing their open ranges fenced and a new railroad was pushing its way up the valley; and,

Whereas, The first town lot sale was conducted on May 9, 1907, by E. F. Waldron, and within 2 days of said town lot sale, a sound future of growth for Philip was assured as the railroad made its debut in this enthusiastic new community; and,

Whereas, Philip was formally declared an organized township by the Stanley County Commission on May 24, 1907, and was honorably named after the legendary frontiersman, rancher, statesman, Indian scout and protector of buffalo, James (Scotty) Philip. The city was formally incorporated as a municipality on July 21, 1908, and became the county seat of Haakon County on January 26, 1915; and,

Whereas, The citizens of Philip continue to demonstrate their determination to overcome natural, as well as man-made and economic obstacles, such as the 1920 fire that destroyed a large portion of main street; and,

Whereas, Philip continues to thrive due to the dedication of its citizens to the community, which is demonstrated by outstanding volunteerism, strong moral values and unfailing economic support of local businesses, schools and the hospital; and,

Whereas, The residents of Philip, businesses, neighbors, friends and family from near and far will join to commemorate and celebrate the community's 100th anniversary:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim June 14 – 17, 2007, as

PHILIP CENTENNIAL DAYS

in South Dakota.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Fifteenth Day of May in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Seven.


M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest



Chris Nelson, Secretary of State